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SARDINES BY THE TON

New Brunswick Fishermen hit Record Haal.

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First Pictures of 60-ft.-deep "Weirs" (Traps).

Black Harbour, New Brunswick, Canada.

Sardines by the Million. At Black Harbour, New Brunswick, the world's largest Sardine Fleet hits Piscatorial Jackpot. The greatest catches in history result of 28-ft. tides carrying unlimited quantities of food, for the fish make this area a Piscatorial Shangri-la for Sardine Fishermen.

Seeing is believing.

Huge 60-ft.-deep weirs - ingenious trap an acre in size - hold sardines carried in by Bay of Fundy tides until fishermen scoop them out a 'Hogs Head' at a time.

First pictures from the world's largest Sardines Fisheries.

Your looking at the largest sardine operation on earth. The famous Connors Brothers Fisheries at Black Harbour, which catches 1,000,000 sardines a day. (1947 total , 370,000,000 sardines, approx.). Everything is used but the riggle. Even the scales bring 20 cents a pound and are used for Essence of Pearl. Scales are also used in the manufacture of the Atomic Bomb and Liquid Fire-fighting foam.

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Sardine fishermen use the last word in equipment. Marine depth-recorders, radar type, show exactly where schools are, how thick, how far below the surface, etc. Even ship-to-ship telephones are used to hail help when the catches are too big. World fat shortages have created huge demands on Sardine Canneries. Sardines carry oil in their flesh. Cod Fish carry oil in their livers. Canada's biggest competitor in Sardine Fishing is Norway. But neither the Norwegians nor the Canadians know where the Sardines come from or where they go to - an unexplained mystery.



New Brunswick Sardine fleet sets out on its daily schedule from Black Harbour, New Brunswick. These crews are all experts and work with the precision and drive of a football machine. Throwing nets is an every day job. Latest equipment locates schools of herrings. See those black marks on the paper sheets. Those are herrings by the hundred thousands.

Packing Sardines.

Sardines are packed in these huge wooden weirs, an acre of size. The fish are trapped in these 60-ft.-long "water fences". Every last one of them could escape if they tried. Inside the weir small fish beats lower a net and haul them in. In they come rigging, timely bits of vitamins for Europe's hungry.

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